

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims, as amended supra, in view of the following
5 remarks.

Status:

In the above entitled application, Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. *Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2007, Office Action Summary, Item 4.* Claim 31 is allowed. *Id. at Item 5.* Claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 25, and 29 stand rejected. *Id. at Item 6.* Claims 12, 15, 18-24, 26-28, and 30 are objected to. *Id. at Item 7.*

10 **Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicants note with appreciation that Examiner has indicated that "Claims 12, 15, 18-24, 26-28, [and] 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." *Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2007, Page 2, Last Paragraph.* Moreover, applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claim 31. *Id. at Item 5.*

Amendments to the Claims:

In the claims, Claim 1 is canceled.

Claim 12 is rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of canceled Claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 19, and 20 are amended to depend from claim 12.

20 Previously presented Claim 4 depends from claim 3, as amended, which depends from claim 12.

Previously presented Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 7, as amended, which depends from claim 12.

Previously presented Claim 13 depends from Claim 12, as amended, and is not currently amended.

Original Claim 5 depends from Claim 3, as amended, which depends from claim 12.

Original Claims 15-18 and 29 depend from Claim 14, as amended, which depends from claim 12.

25 Original Claims 21-25 depend from Claim 20, as amended, which depends from claim 12.

Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 7 which depends from claim 12, and are currently amended to correct an error in grammar.

Claims 26 and 27 are currently amended to remove closed ended language and substitute open ended language and depend from Claim 25, as amended, which depends from claim 14, which depends from claim 12.

Claim 28 is currently amended to remove closed ended language and substitute open ended language and depends from Claim 27, as amended, which depends from claim 25, which depends from claim 14, which depends from claim 12.

Claim 30 is currently amended to remove closed ended language and substitute open ended language, correct a spelling error and depends from Claim 29, which depends from claim 14, which depends from claim 12.

Allowed Independent Claim 31 is as previously presented and is not amended.

Conclusion:

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of canceled Claim 1, to address Examiner's objection. Claims 2-11, and 13-30 now depend from Claim 12 and any intervening claims. As such, these claims contain all of the limitations of Claim 12, which Examiner has indicated is allowable subject matter. Claim 31 was previously allowed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance; which action is earnestly solicited.

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